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**Statement by Council President Steve Silverman  
On Annapolis Ways and Means Committee Action on Thornton Commission  
Changes to Boost School Funding**

"This is a great day for kids throughout the State of Maryland. The agreement passed by the House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee on revised Thornton Commission recommendations meets the Council's goal of ensuring that any state education funding formula does right by poor kids, kids who speak a language other than English, and children with special needs.

"We look forward to positive action by the full House on this critical measure.

"The Council has been pleased to work hand-in-hand with Montgomery County's Annapolis delegation, County Executive Doug Duncan, Schools Superintendent Dr. Jerry Weast, and the Board of Education to fashion a funding plan that lifts all of Maryland's kids up – no matter where in this state they live."